

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention provides a plurality of factory automated components with a unique identifier containing status information, for example, component source address information, vendor site address information, component type information, component version information and component health information. Each component will periodically send status message across a network to the supplier or vendor to an address set by the supplier or vendor or a service supplier. The receiving site will compare the component information against its database and be able to recognize whether product upgrades are available, whether maintenance should be scheduled, or that there might be a safety issue or application solution or opportunity that might be helpful to the customer.